IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

Pieroth et al.

Application No.: 10/568,989

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For: LEAF-STRIPPING DEVICE,

ESPECIALLY FOR VINES

Group: 3671

Examiner: Joan D. Misa

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Date: May 21, 2009

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Reply is responsive to the Office Action dated April 24, 2009, with a Restriction Requirement. Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1, 18, 20, 22-34 and 40, for prosecution on the merits. This election is made without traverse.

Please amend the application as indicated in detail below.